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Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1600 and 2000, 14 June 1958

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Major General Robert Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General James H. Walsh, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Robert A. Breitweiser, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor,* Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Charles Reichardt, ** acting for Atomic Energy Commission
representative to the IAC
Mr. Meffert Kuhrtz,* acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

* Present at 1600 meeting only.

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The Lebanese Crisis

The Chairman indicated that he had called this special IAC meeting to review the developing crisis in Lebanon, particularly in the light of the current disorders and fighting and information bearing on the possibility that an early formal request might be made for intervention by the US. The members then exchanged views on intelligence and information related to the Lebanese situation, including late messages or reports which arrived during the course of the meeting.

As the first order of business, the members discussed the special Watch Committee report No. 410-A which was addressed to the Lebanese situation. The members approved this report subject to the following amendments: (a) in the second sentence of paragraph 3 delete "anywhere near" and substitute "to"; and (b) in the first sentence of paragraph 4, delete "on" following the word "reports" and substitute "considered in" for the word "based" following the words [redacted]

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The Chairman then suggested that the members review the most recent estimate on the situation in Lebanon (SNIE 36.4-58) and consider the question of updating that paper in the light of subsequent developments. He emphasized that he wished to disseminate any new estimate to the White House as soon as possible. After discussing pertinent intelligence and information the members agreed to adjourn temporarily at 1745, pending preparation of a draft special estimate by a working group under the chairmanship of Mr. Abbot Smith, Vice Chairman of the Board of National Estimates.

At 2000 the members reconvened and approved the draft SNIE 36.4-1-58, "The Lebanese Crisis," as amended.

Adjournment: 2200

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JOHN HEIRES
Secretary

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